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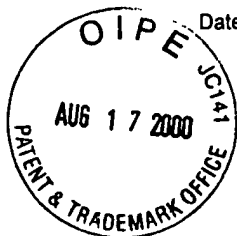
Date: August 11, 2000

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PATENT

Docket No. GC538-2



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Boston et al.

Serial No.: 09/470,168

Filed: December 22, 1999

For: Method for Producing Ascorbic
Acid Intermediates

Group Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Slobodyansky, E.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Sequence Listing
Assistant Director for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to Comply mailed July 12, 2000, please consider and enter the following comments and amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please place the Sequence Listing after the abstract.

On page 19, line 19, after

"5'AGGGAGTGCTTACTACCTTATCTGCGGTATA3'" insert —(SEQ ID NO:1)—.

On page 19, line 20, after

"5'CGCTAGCTGTGCAATCCATTGATTTGCACA3'" insert —(SEQ ID NO:2)—.

REMARKS

Entry of the above amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended in accordance with C.F.R. §1.821(d) to add SEQ ID NO:s.